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to turn out full-fledged mummies and sarcophagi. The scientific societies in England point out, with some degree of justice, that while this form of prison labor may have commercial advantages it practically renders the British government a party to fraud.

PER DUSÉN, the Swedish engineer and bryologist, has returned from Tierra del Fuego and Patagonia, where he has been engaged in scientific research since September, 1895.

At a meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute, London, on November 21st, Mr. W. Saville-Kent, late Commissioner of Fisheries to the Government of Queensland, Tasmania and Western Australia, made an address on the natural history of Australia. Lord Loch, who presided, referred, at the close of the lecture, to the question of Antarctic exploration. He said there was a movement on foot at the present moment, which was receiving very strong support, for fitting out an expedition, and he trusted that the Council of the Institute would give that movement, when it came in a very short time prominently before the public, every support. This matter of exploring the Antarctic regions had long occupied the attention of the several colonies in Australia. During the time he was Governor of Victoria there was a strong feeling in favor of assisting any such movement. If the Imperial Government would have assisted in fitting out an Antarctic expedition these colonies, and he believed others, would have willingly joined. Whether circumstances that had since occurred in Australia would enable them now to join in any movement that might be brought forward by the Imperial Government he did not know, but he believed there would be a strong expression of opinion in Australia in favor of the southern colonies joining in any organized expedition, whether assisted by the government at home or promoted by private enterprise entirely, to carry out Antarctic exploration.

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#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

PRESIDENT HARPER announced at the recent Quarterly Convocation of the University of Chicago that Mr. Rockefeller had given \$200,-

000 to maintain the University in its present condition during the year beginning July 1st. It is announced that the Rush Medical School of Chicago, with 77 instructors and 699 students, will probably affiliate with the University of Chicago.

THE east wing of Ottawa University (Catholic) was destroyed by fire on January 5th. The loss on the building is \$50,000; on contents \$30,000. The loss is covered by insurance.

THE Educational Council of the Nebraska State Teachers' Association has adopted the report of a committee of which Professor Bessey is chairman, recommending that only those institutions be recognized as colleges that require as a minimum for admission the equivalent of a good high-school course of at least three years above the eighth grade of the public schools, and that give a full four-year course of collegiate work of creditable grade for graduation.

A CHEQUE for £1,000 from Mr. Alexander Peckover, Lord-Lieutenant of the county of Cambridgeshire, has been received by the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University for the fund for rebuilding the School of Medicine and Surgery attached to the University.

THE establishment of a new technological institute in the north of Prussia is being discussed in the German papers, and is favored by several political leaders, including Dr. von Gossler, lately Minister for Education and the Fine Arts. Danzig, Thorn and Posen are mentioned as suitable places. Hamburg is also agitating the question, though that city seems to want a university.

MR. FRANCIS RAMALEY, instructor of pharmaceutical botany in the University of Minnesota, has been appointed assistant professor of botany in the University of Colorado, Boulder, Col.

PROFESSOR KELLY has resigned from the chair of hygiene in King's College, London.

DR. ABELOUS has been appointed professor of physiology at the University of Toulouse, and Dr. F. Stanley Kipping, F.R.S., professor of chemistry at University College, Nottingham, England. Dr. Hollerman has qualified as docent in botany in the University of Berlin.